



# **COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus Disease) and Animals**

## *Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

### **Best sources of COVID-19 information:**

- Visit [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus) for the most current recommendations on COVID-19
- If you suspect you have COVID-19 or have been exposed, follow the recommendations of the Washington State Department of Health available at [DOH.wa.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.doh.wa.gov/Coronavirus)



### **Livestock Producers**

There are currently no restrictions on livestock trade or animal movement due to the COVID-19 response. Practice good biosecurity as usual for the health of yourself and your animals.



### **Pet owners**

There is currently no evidence of pets or other companion animals spreading or becoming sick from COVID-19. The CDC continues to study this issue and as a precaution, you can take additional care handling pets.

## **Best practices when handling livestock, pets, or other animals**

When handling or caring for livestock or companion animals, the CDC recommends these basic hygiene practices:

- Wash your hands before and after being around or handling animals, their food, or supplies and avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth when handling animals.
- Avoid kissing animals, allowing them to lick you, or sharing food with your animals.
- If you have COVID-19 or suspect you might, limit your contact with your animals as a precaution.

These suggestions are based on the best information available as of March 6, 2020. Stay informed on this and other issues about COVID-19 on the following websites:

- [USDA.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.usda.gov/Coronavirus)
- [DOH.wa.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.doh.wa.gov/Coronavirus)
- [www.OIE.int](https://www.oie.int) and search "COVID-19"